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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA - COMMITTEE IV CONSIDERATION OF TIMOR

REF: (A) USUN 4875; (B) USUN 4841; (C) USUN 4811 (NOTAL);

(D) STATE 268180 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: FRETILIN WORKING PAPER REDRAFT CONVEYED REF A HAS BEEN WIDELY CIRCULATED AT UN AS "MOZAMBIQUE DRAFT." IT IS EXPECTED TO BE TEXT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION ON TIMOR. INDONESIA'S MISSION PROJECTS VOTE AT 65 IN FAVOR; 15 AGAINST (INDONESIA); AND 65 ABSTENTIONS. DEBATE NOW SCHEDULED START P.M. NOV 2. END SUMMARY.

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2. COMMITTEE IV DEBATE ON TIMOR NOW SET TO BEGIN P.M.
NOV 2. IT WILL BE INTERRUPTED NOV 3 AND BEGIN AGAIN NOV 4.
FRETILIN, PORTUGAL, CAMBODIA, BENIN AND INDIA INSCRIBED
TO SPEAK NOV. 2. INDONESIA WILL SPEAK NOV 4 P.M. AND JAPAN
WILL SPEAK NOV 5 A.M. FRETILIN WORKING PAPER REDRAFT CON-
VEYED REF A HAS BEEN WIDELY CIRCULATED AT UN AS "MOZAMBIQUE
DRAFT." IT IS EXPECTED TO BE TEXT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION.

3. SUBSTANCE REF D THAT U.S. WOULD NOT OPPOSE INDONESIA'S
POSITION ON ANY UNGA RESOLUTION ON TIMOR BUT THAT OUR ACTUAL
VOTE WOULD DEPEND ON CONTENTS OF RESOLUTION HAS BEEN CON-
VEYED TO INDONESIA'S MISSION.

4. INDONESIANS PROJECTING VOTE ON "MOZAMBIQUE DRAFT" AT
65 IN FAVOR; 15 AGAINST (INDONESIA); AND 65 ABSTENTIONS.
ACCORDING JAPANESE, INDONESIA'S MISSION EFFECTIVELY
DISCOURAGING INDIANS OR OTHER FRIENDS FROM COMING UP WITH
ALTERNATIVE WORKING PAPER (REF (B), PARA 2).

5. JAPAN'S POSITION NOT YET DECIDED BETWEEN ABSTENTION AND
NEGATIVE VOTE. AUSTRALIANS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. ACCORDING
JAPANESE, PORTUGUESE MAY VOTE IN FAVOR BUT ASEANS EXCEPT
FOR SINGAPORE (ABSTENTION) WILL OPPOSE AS WILL PAPUA NEW GUINEA,
INDIA, IRAN, SAUDI ARABIA, QATAR AND PRESUMABLY A FEW
OTHER ARAB STATES. FRANCE REPORTEDLY BETWEEN VOTE IN FAVOR
AND ABSTENTION. EC-9 EXPECT TO DISCUSS TIMOR IN NEW YORK
NOV 2.

6. NIGERIA'S VOTE PROMISES TO BE OF SOME INTEREST. ACCORDING
INDONESIA'S MISSION, NIGERIA'S AMBASSADOR AT JAKARTA DELIVERED
NOTE STATING RECOGNITION OF INCORPORATION OF EAST TIMOR
INTO INDONESIA. NIGERIA'S PERMREP HARRIMAN IN NEW YORK HAS
TOLD INDONESIANS, HOWEVER, THAT HE LACKS INSTRUCTIONS.

7. COMMENT: SHOULD NIGERIA ABSTAIN ON OR OPPOSE "MOZAMBIQUE
DRAFT", INDONESIANS PREDICT THIS COULD AFFECT SEVERAL AFRICAN
VOTES.
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